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**Subject:** Marijuana Questions

Since I asked that these be placed on the web, I'm forwarding my own responses to the questions for consideration.

**1. Should the Borough have a separate local license for marijuana facilities?** Steve made a good point about extra paperwork and process without much benefit. I can't think of any positives for having local licenses, so my answer would be no.

**2. Should the Borough allow a marijuana facility on Borough owned property?** There doesn't seem to be any advantage to this, and I think it sends the wrong message about our community.

**3. Should the Borough allow onsite use of marijuana at a retail location?** Since smoking is not otherwise allowed, I think we should be consistent and say no to that. As far as use of edibles, yes --but would we need to establish some legal limits of consumption? In reality, someone could step outside an establishment and legally consume a product fairly easily without detection, so I'm not sure a restriction makes much sense.

**4. Should the Borough restrict the hours of a retail marijuana store?** For ease of enforcement and consistency, it makes sense to match the state's requirement. Overall though, I find the restrictions for both kind of silly. If someone wishes to consume marijuana or drink at those hours, I'd much rather have them in a controlled retail establishment than on the street or the road.

**5. Should the Borough set a maximum number of permits within the community?** My guess is that this will be somewhat self-limiting, so no. Not all current users are going to flock to commercial marijuana stores, and my guess is that our island location will prevent Petersburg from becoming Marijuana Mecca for others. At least, not legally.

**6. Should the Borough restrict any one of the four types of locations associated with the marijuana business--cultivation, manufacturing, testing and retail?** Again, our island location will present limitations for all four of these types of operations. If federal restrictions change, then yes--we should consider limitations. Until that appears imminent, I would be more concerned about where these business types were proposed rather than how many. I wouldn't consider these appropriate activities in residential areas, or near schools. While I'm not excited about the idea of a marijuana establishment on our main street, how hypocritical do we want to be? There's already a bar and liquor store located there, and two fraternal organizations with bars just a block away.

Though we don't have any historical preservation ordinances in place, there are several available rental spaces on Sing Lee Alley and a building for sale. This is a prime location for tourism and one of the main places in town with historical character. We might think about considering some restrictions in that location.